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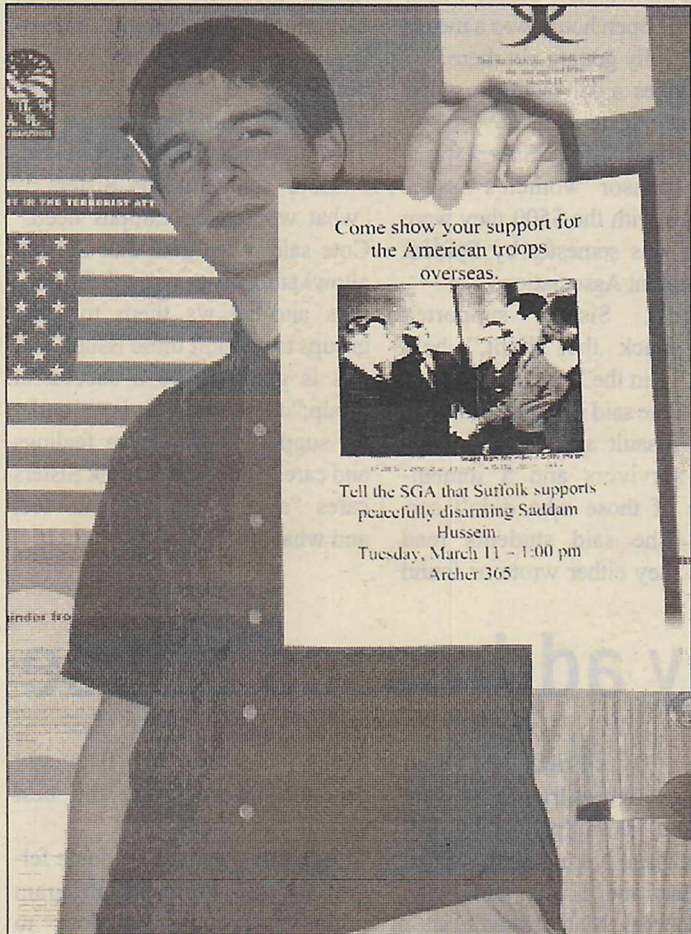
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SGA adopts anti-war resolution



Mike Ross - Journal Staff

Suffolk University Students for Peace and Justice member Rob Laurent holds a flier supporting the anti-war resolution.

This is a copy of the student signatures obtained by members of SUSPJ.

Provided by Rob Laurent

1 Please sign if you support the antiwar resolution proposed by			
2 Suffolk University Students for Peace and Justice and are			
3 against US action in Iraq without a second UN resolution			
4 Name	Suffolk ID	Support the Resolution	Signature
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Gillian Reagan

Journal Staff

After over an hour of heated debate among Suffolk students and Student Government Association members, SGA passed an anti-war resolution on March 11. By passing the resolution by eight out of 16 votes, the board took the stance that the majority of the student body is against the possible war with Iraq.

According to the resolution drafted by members of Suffolk University Students for Peace and Justice, “We, the Suffolk University Student Government Association, hearing the evidence provided above, and judging student sentiment to the best of our ability, hereby resolve to condemn any illegal actions of the United States Government in regards to the sovereign nation of Iraq.”

► Read the resolution, page 4.

SGA members originally brought the resolution to the board during their March 5 meeting. SGA members voted to send the resolution to a review board.

Vice President Dave Rodrigues said the Student Judiciary Review Board reviewed the resolution. “It is a ruling that we do have constitutional rights to issue this statement,” he said. “It is and was the individual responsibility of the member and the collective responsibility of the entire board to judge public sentiment to the best of their ability.”

After SGA opened the floor to the student forum.

The resolution passed with eight votes, seven voted “nay” and one

“We are chosen by our peers to represent their class ... I believe in the responsibility of this board to take a position.”

Dave Rodrigues

SGA Vice President

member abstained.

Some students that attended the forum disputed SGA’s responsibility to take a stance against the war. “I think the question is whether or not the SGA should be passing something like this and speak for the entire student body,” said Senior Michael Gerskovich.

“We are chosen by our peers to represent their class,” Rodrigues said. “We only know what people tell us ... I’m listening to the people that are here ... If they’re not here, we don’t hear them,” he said. “I believe in the responsibility of this board to take a position.”

He said only 108 students voted during SGA elections and debating the resolution fostered student participation. “I’ve never seen this many people at an SGA meeting,” he said.

“Why vote on such an auspicious statement if you realize that only 108 people voted?” Gerskovich asked.

But some students and SGA members said the board didn’t do the proper work needed to poll students and make an educated decision.

“It’s not responsible on the part of SGA to do this without doing their

homework,” said Freshman Vanessa Spatafora. She said SGA needed to poll all of the students in the school.

SGA voted to postpone voting on the resolution for two weeks to poll students and have a better sense of the opinions of the student body, but only two members voted for that motion.

“We don’t do things just for our school,” Laurent said. “This is a democracy.”

“I’m going to be honest with you, most of the (students) that we talked to couldn’t make a decision one way or another,” he said. “But you have to decide for them if people don’t have opinions if they can’t decide one way or another, then you can’t represent them.”

“This is what you were elected to do,” said Senior Michael Dempsey. “To take stands, to be proactive and to lead.”

SGA Member at Large Emily Ruskowski said passing the resolution wouldn’t help stop the war. “All this is doing is alienating students with different points of view,” she said. “I think a lot of students came to Suffolk because it’s a safe place where opinions are welcome.”

“You’re going to alienate people in the school because people have differing opinions in this university,” Laurent said. “You can’t make everybody happy, you can only make the majority happy.”

Rodrigues said it is the SGA’s responsibility to make a decision on the issue, “not because it has anything to do with Iraq ... But it is a stu- see Resolution, page 2

Faculty hosts war teach-in

Study finds students lacking sleep

Adam D. Krauss

Journal Staff

While thousands of students across the country were skipping classes and hitting the streets in opposition to America’s possible war on Iraq, nearly 100 people from the Suffolk community gathered in the C. Walsh Theater on March 5 to take part in the second teach-in this year on a possible war.

A panel of professors from Suffolk and elsewhere covered a wide range of issues on the war and took questions from the audience. English professor Gerald Richman moderated the event. He asked questions and mediated exchanges within the panel.

Students said the teach-in was educational and productive for those involved. “It was overwhelming,” said sophomore Jamie Thorn, whose experience there left him questioning the validity of mainstream news reporting. “Truth is buried behind so much

propaganda,” he said. Thorn said the forum provided him with “all of the facts that you don’t hear on TV.”

The panel was divided among History professor Robert Allison, who held a pro-war position; Government professor Robert Laffey, who said he took “issue with U.S. unilateralism”; Elaine Hagopian, a professor from Simmons College who came prepared with book references and government documents in hand; and former Suffolk history professor and current member of the Iraq Foundation in Washington, professor Robert Rabil.

Allison began his segment with a poem about the plight of Baghdad. He then provided history of the Persian Gulf region, setting up his stance on the issue. “I support the United States in the current struggle,” Allison said. “The U.S. is the only force in the world that can liberate the Iraqi people. The prospect for peace in the Middle East (rests) on raising

standards of living.”

“The U.S. needs to reevaluate its relationship with other regimes in the (Middle East) area,” Allison said, referring specifically to Israel.

Hagopian said the Gulf War in 1991 gave former President Bush the opportunity to complete the job George W. Bush is trying to accomplish today. “A new world order was proclaimed by Bush Sr.,” Hagopian said. She explained the history and parallels of the first Bush Administration to the present one and how the motives of the first Gulf War are still lingering over the nation’s head today with the help of a cast of characters like Vice President Dick Cheney and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, who were each key members of former Republican presidential administrations.

“Sept. 11, 2001 was that event to mobilize the United States to ready for war with Iraq,” Hagopian said. “What (the Bush see Teach-in, page 3

Michael Fruzzetti

Journal Staff

Are you feeling tired or a little drowsy during classes? Students are some of the most sleep-deprived Americans according to a recent study by the National Sleep Foundation.

The non-profit organization found that people ages 18 to 29 are more likely to be sleepy during the day, take medication to stay awake and have difficulty falling asleep on weekday nights.

Only 26 percent of students get more than eight hours of sleep per night.

Some students stay awake every night studying, procrastinating and completing assignments.

“I get only around 5 hours of sleep a night, and it definitely affects morning classes,” said senior Mitchell Reid. Some students

have trouble catching “Zs”, but others get enough sleep.

“I get about eight hours of sleep (a night) on average, but it doesn’t affect my classes” said freshman Verena Seipp.

The organization’s study, conducted in 2002, found that this age group sleeps less than it did five years ago, with more symptoms of insomnia. It also drives drowsy more than any other age group.

Dr. Paul Korn, a psychologist at the Suffolk University Counseling Center, said some students have trouble getting to sleep because they’re thinking about deadlines for mid-term papers or an exam the next day.

“There are a fair number of students who are anxious and have too many racing thoughts,” Korn said.

Korn said students are often see Sleepy, page 3

NEWS Briefs

Suffolk Sisters starts up

Deidre Scott
Journal Staff

According to a poster advertising its introduction, Suffolk Sisters is "a new student group forming for, of and by the women of Suffolk University" and "a place to express your views, concerns and experiences as a woman." Graduate Fellow and Suffolk Sisters staff advisor Lyndsay Agans said the group is "for Suffolk women and the men who support them."

Suffolk Sisters is a branch of the Women's Program Initiative, which addresses the needs of female students on campus. Vice President Cheryl Cote said the group is for men and women to discuss women's issues, such as domestic violence and sexual assault.

Cote, a junior, said that she brainstormed the group into reality. She said that there are "issues that aren't being discussed and I wanted to bring them to the fore-

front." So far there are approximately 20 women and men in the group. "Everyone is already involved," Cote said, "because everyone sees women's issues every day, whether it be on TV or at the State House."

On March 6 Suffolk Sisters held an open house. Agans said although the group officially formed immediately before winter break, the open house was a means of "officially getting out there."

"It takes a lot to get a group together," Agans said.

Cote said Suffolk Sisters wants to co-sponsor women's issues activities with the \$500 they were granted this semester by Student Government Association.

Suffolk Sisters supported "Take Back the Night," held March 11 in the Donahue lobby at 1 p.m. Cote said it was a "tribute to sexual assault and domestic violence survivors and a remembrance of those who didn't survive." She said students read poems they either wrote or found

that were very moving and said it was an "empowering event designed to end the silence in both men and women."

Suffolk Sisters will be co-sponsoring "Our Voices," "a 'Vagina Monologues' of sorts for the Suffolk University community," according to President Andrea Warchol. "We have invited all female members of the Suffolk Community to submit monologues and ones selected will be performed on March 26 at the Women's Coffee House at Common Grounds," Warchol said.

Cote said Suffolk Sisters is "what women on campus need." Cote said. "I'm glad that Suffolk allows students to voice their opinions and allows them to have groups to support these issues, and this is going to be a successful group," Cote said. "It is an outlet for supporters who have feelings and care." She said Suffolk Sisters cares "about what students feel and what students want."

SOULS urges students to sign up for service

On April 11, the SOULS Community Service Center will be holding their 6th Annual Service Day and Celebration Dinner. Service Day is for all members of the Suffolk Community. Over 100 participants will work two-hour shifts at agencies throughout Boston.

Some of the sites and activities for this year's Service Day include becoming teachers' aides in a kindergarten class at Ellis Memorial & Eldredge House Inc., painting for a classroom makeover at SMILE Preschool, helping with homework projects at the Salvation Army in the South End, baking brownies and organizing food closets at The Paulist Center, organizing a library of resources at Peace Games, painting and cleaning an office at the International Rescue Committee, helping to prepare meals at Community Servings and helping with newsletter distribution at On The Rise.

Interested students can pick up a group or individual sign up sheet in the SOULS center in Donahue Room 409. Group sign ups are encouraged for students on the same floor of the residence halls, departments, co-workers, and club members, grad fellows, faculty and friends. Sign up online is also available at www.suffolk.edu/studentAct/serviceday. Deadline for signing up is April 1.

Suffolk professor hosts lecture

Robert Allison, an associate professor of history at Suffolk University, will give a lecture on the influx of immigrants to the Beacon Hill area and their consequent affect on the development of the neighborhood. Titled "Evolution of an Urban Neighborhood: The North Slope of Beacon Hill," the event will take place on March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old State House Museum located at 206 Washington St.

Memorial foundation offers scholarship

The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving sophomore or junior majoring in history, political science, education or a public service related field at a Massachusetts college.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Award is renewable once and priority is given to applicants with a record of community service. The deadline is April 1 and applications are available in the Financial Aid Office on the first floor of the Donahue building.

Equality play addresses abuse

Stefanie Maclin
Journal Staff

One in four women will be a victim of dating or domestic violence. One out of seven men have been or are abused by their partner.

These statistics are part of the inspiration for a play that was brought to Suffolk for domestic violence awareness. The Equality playgroup performed "PlayRights: Four Hearts Changing" on March 7. Written and directed by W. August Schulenburg and Heather Dyas-Fried, it told of four friends involved in two relationships. Erica and Lizzie (played by

Heather Dyas-Fried and Sara Mayer) were best friends, as were Matt and Brian (played by Bill Tangradi and Niko Alger). Erica and Matt and Lizzie and Brian were couples. Matt abused Erica.

The four characters answered questions from audience members. Matt said while his parents had a loving relationship, they followed the stereotypical roles of the 1950s: the father was the breadwinner and the mother was the homemaker.

Tangradi felt his character simply took the macho male stereotype to the next level. He believed Matt felt he had authority over the

female and that his fists and degrading words were the best way to show that.

Lyndsay Agans, a graduate fellow for the Woman's Program Initiative, brought Equality to Suffolk. While attending Towson University in Maryland, she was a resident advisor for three years. While living with the students, she noticed an increase of the violent behavior between couples in junior and senior classes. While Agans said she was pleased with the turnout, she said "real change does not come from a Friday afternoon program, but from what you see."

SGA: majority of Suffolk students oppose war

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dent issue. This was brought to us by students and I feel we need to make a decision," Rodrigues said.

President Sean Powers moderated the student forum by calling on members of opposing sides to debate the resolution.

Six students sat one side of the room that were against passing the resolution. Over a dozen students supporting the resolution sat on the other side of the room.

Senior Ryan Boehm and Suffolk University Students for Peace and Justice member Rob Laurent were the first to speak at the forum and make statements about their opposing views on the resolution and a war plan posed by President Bush.

Laurent said Students for Peace and Justice members collected 241 signatures on a petition that supported SGA passing the resolution. Laurent said he was glad to be having a discussion on the issue. "Democracy is for those who have an opinion, so we start," Laurent said.

With his hands held firmly behind his

back while standing in front of the board, Boehm swiftly disputed some of the items listed in the resolution and stated his reasons for the war.

"We are now faced with another real threat, a clear and present danger and our president has taken the initiative to take proactive steps to prevent a 9/11 instead of waiting for the attacks to happen," Boehm said. He said that the second item in the resolution states that the "United Nations estimates that there will be over 500,000 Iraqi casualties of war."

"I find it hard to believe that the United Nations can accurately predict the Iraqi casualties in a war that hasn't taken place," Boehm said. He said the U.S. defense department should know that number. He disputed another item in the resolution that stated that a war against Iraq would increase anti-Americanism. "War is not a pretty thing, there will be casualties on both sides of the conflict," Boehm said. "This war has potential to both reduce anti-Americanism in the region as well as increase our moral

standing by liberating the Iraqi people from a murderous tyrant."

Boehm said he collected over 100 student signatures on a petition that opposed SGA passing the resolution. "I have been overwhelmed by the amount of support that I've had by talking to students," Boehm said. "More than a few of the students that I talked to expressed their appreciation and thanks for me taking the initiative to support the president and the troops overseas because they have been under the impression that they were the minority on campus."

Freshman Kristen Powers, who spoke against passing the resolution, said one of her best friends is an intelligence specialist in the U.S. Navy. Powers said he wanted her to speak on behalf of him. She said she quoted him: "I want you to remind every person of all of the people who are fighting to protect this country that are their ages. We are fighting right now. For them to declare an anti-war stance is a complete insult to every single soldier ... that is protecting their hind

end," Powers said. "They don't care what we think, say or do."

Laurent said he was upset that someone would think that the resolution is against the United States.

"To think that we're anti-troops and anti-American soldiers because we say, 'No, don't make them go and fight and kill' for something that we feel is unjust is ridiculous," Laurent said. "To vote yes is with the student body and with the soldiers and with the people at war."

Class of 2006 President Lauren Webster said many Suffolk students are studying abroad and their safety must be kept in mind when voting on the resolution. She voted for the resolution.

After the resolution was approved, Laurent said he will be sending press releases to local media groups letting them know that SGA decided that the majority of the Suffolk student body is against the proposed war. "I'm happy we had a political debate," Laurent said after the forum. "People finally took a stance and it was a beautiful thing."

The *Suffolk Journal* staff wishes the Suffolk community a safe and happy Spring Break.
Look for our next issue on the stands March 26.



Adam D. Krauss - Journal Staff

Fred Marchant reads poetry from his published work, "House on Water, House on Air."

Marchant presents poetry

Adam D. Krauss

Journal Staff

Celebrating the publication of "House on Water, House in Air," an anthology of poems written during the past ten years, English professor Fred Marchant gave a reading to an audience that packed the Munce conference room on March 5.

He read poems chronicling his career as a poet, concentrating on the value of historical perspective in works of art.

"It's funny how historical perspective can change the way you write," Marchant told the crowd of nearly 65 people from the Suffolk community. "History is not the past so much as it is the past into the present. It's so strange how history moves."

Marchant read poems detailing his

"The Secret" by Fred Marchant

A digging fork, one time bent backward by a hidden, enormous stone.
In the wooden beams, ants, with spiders feeding on their corpses.
Filaments in air, tightropes they've walked on before.
A cement floor lifted by roots slowly breaking in.
My father's narrow desk, the one his bills beld him over.
My fingers cold, just this side of aching.
Folding doors wide-open.
Nothing more.

summer stay in Ireland last year and recited poems he was working on before Sept. 11, 2001 and after the terrorist strikes. One poem was titled "After This," in which he urged lis-

teners to be more skeptical about world affairs.

"My sense of the place of poetry," Marchant said after the reading, "is to sound the alarm when it needs to be sounded. What we're looking at now is such a profoundly difficult moment in history."

"He's inspiring," said sophomore Allison Stendardi after the reading.

Marchant said he was pleased with the reading. "It was a multi-generational audience," he said. "To me, that's the real spirit of things. The place of art is to resurrect and return to the simple truths being rejected."

Marchant is also the author of "Tipping Point," which won the Word Works Washington Prize in Poetry n 1993, as well as "Full Moon Boat." He is also the director for Suffolk's creative writing program.

Students, staff discuss roots of hate crimes

Marlena Crandall

Journal Staff

On March 7 AHANA International (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) hosted a forum in which the dynamics of hate was discussed. Members from the audience and hosts of the forum talked about subjects ranging from the idea that everyone is a victim and hate as a product of a lack of education.

The forum, led by AHANA administrator Carl Parks, was designed to "bring members of the Suffolk community together to talk about hate."

Parks began the discussion by saying,

"this should be a respectful talk . . . hate is serious." He welcomed everyone in attendance to voice their opinions during the forum.

Panelists addressed the first question of the forum: "Are we all victims of hate crimes?"

It was established during the forum through discussion that everyone is a victim of a hate crime because hate is an issue that affects all people.

People's response to hate crimes and their victims was discussed. One comment made by an audience member seemed to sum up the general response, "I didn't care. It's not about me or my people so I just

turned to the next page."

The second principle of hate was established: indifference. The audience unanimously agreed that most people don't pay attention to hate. They are aware of it, but they make no big deal about it. It was also agreed that this attitude is one of the largest reasons hate still exists and nobody cares to do anything about hate crimes until something already happens.

The response to who are the victims of hate and the role indifference plays in perpetuating hate, paled in comparison to the response received when the role of education was called into question. All forum participants agreed that the problem of hatred

has deep roots and in order to curb hatred, activists will have to attack the development of it's roots.

Many in attendance also criticized the media for not increasing awareness of hate crimes.

The secondary topic of the forum was hate at Suffolk. There was limited conversation about hate crimes that have taken place on campus.

But panelists said there are haters on campus. A Suffolk police representative said there is little the department can do about hate crimes on campus. They can't do much if they "don't know it's going on," said a Suffolk police representative.

Teach-in draws about 100

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administration) is looking for is reorganizing the area (of the Middle East) to meet the strategies" of America. Hagopian discussed the parameters of the Bush doctrine which, she said, were introduced to the world in a speech in early summer 2002 and outlines the president's stance on a preemptive strike.

"(Hussein) is hideous," she said. "But so are many others in the world, like Stalinist Kim Jon Il," of North Korea. She said there is "no real evidence that has connected Hussein to Al-Qaeda," the terrorist group responsible for Sept. 11, 2001, who suffered critical blows to their infrastructure after arrests of leading officers in recent weeks.

"International law is clear when military force is allowed,"

Laffey said. "Iraq is a fifth-grade military power" and the United States is out of line in its current position, he said.

"A U.S. invasion would in fact increase the likelihood that Saddam Hussein would use weapons of mass destruction," Laffey said.

Laffey said a question in his mind is: "Who's going to govern Iraq after war?"

Rabil provided a historical sketch of the current situation intertwined with personal experiences from friends and family in the Persian Gulf. He said Hussein has a fixation for obtaining weapons of mass destruction. He said, "Hussein's ideology doesn't work, at least to me, without" those particular weapons. "If we go to war with Iraq we need a strong anti-war coalition

and need the United Nations," Rabil said.

"I wish everyone on the faculty and student body was here," said Computer Science professor Eric Myrvaagnes. "Some of the things that I knew were brought into relief a bit more," especially, he said, issues surrounding the no-fly zones around Iraq. "Having details of international law spelled out helped," he said. During the question-and-answer session, an audience member asked, "What about the humanitarian crisis in Iraq?"

"The United States created this humanitarian crisis by enforcing sanctions," Hagopian said. "The way you deal with it is to lift the sanctions." She said the United States needs to "work in some other way to remove Saddam Hussein."

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Today's students sleep less

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under pressure but they should "just relax. Take it easy. It is necessary to side-step this habit of constantly worrying, but just don't forget about everything."

Korn said students should write down their thoughts before going to bed so they can ease their anxiety.

He also recommended that stu-

dents listen to soothing music or read a book before trying to fall to sleep.

Coffee drinkers, hoping to remain coherent for a few more hours, might have a few problems in their sleeping patterns and health. Caffeine increases metabolism, accelerates breathing and raises heart rate and blood pressure, according to the National

Sleep Foundation. Consuming caffeine-related products can inhibit the total hours of sleep, increase the time it takes to fall asleep and increase awakenings during sleeping periods.

The organization recommends that people try to maintain a normal sleep schedule by falling asleep and waking around the same time each day.

Editorial

Cheers to SGA's anti-war resolution

The *Suffolk Journal* editorial board believes those who voted in favor of the anti-war resolution asserted the right position. We disagree with those SGA members who argued that it was not the role of student government to take a position on the issue one way or the other. It is the responsibility of SGA members to act on issues of great concern to the student body, no matter how controversial they may be.

The following is the resolution, dated and signed March 11:

"WHEREAS If the United States invades Iraq without a second UN resolution, it will be in violation of United Nations Charter Article 39 that states: 'The Security Council shall determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression and shall make recommendations, or decide what measures shall be taken...to maintain or restore international peace and security.'

WHEREAS The United Nations estimates that there will be over 500,000 Iraqi casualties of war.

WHEREAS Human Rights Watch estimates that this war will displace 1.1 million Iraqis citizens.

WHEREAS CNN reports the United States is planning on striking Iraq through a tactic known as "shock and awe," which entails 3,000 air strikes on the first day - ten times the magnitude of the initial days of the first Gulf War.

WHEREAS The United States has not exercised to the utmost degree all diplomatic efforts, including United Nations inspections.

WHEREAS The American Academy of Arts & Sciences' estimations for the ten-year projected occupation of Iraq would possibly cost up to \$1.9 trillion for the United States and detract resources from crucial domestic issues, like health care and social services.

WHEREAS The preemptive strategy the United States has introduced is unprecedented and can backfire on the U.S. and other countries in the future.

WHEREAS The CIA has repeatedly noted that Saddam Hussein is a diminished threat, and will most likely only unleash whatever weapons he has only if provoked by American military hostilities.

WHEREAS Another Iraq war will strain relations with America's neighbors throughout the world, including our allies like France, Germany and Russia.

WHEREAS This Iraq war will increase anti-Americanism everywhere and our country's morality will lose all valiancy as body bags of America soldiers and Iraqi civilians drain the nightly news.

WHEREAS Terrorism needs to be fought with BRAINS, not BOMBS.

THEREFORE We, the Suffolk University Student Government Association, hearing the evidence provided above, and judging student sentiment to the best of our ability, hereby resolve to condemn any illegal actions of the U.S. Government in regards to the sovereign nation of Iraq."

Correction:

Student Government Association Vice President Dave Rodrigues' last name was misspelled in the article "SGA to review anti-war resolution" in the March 5 issue of the *Suffolk Journal*.

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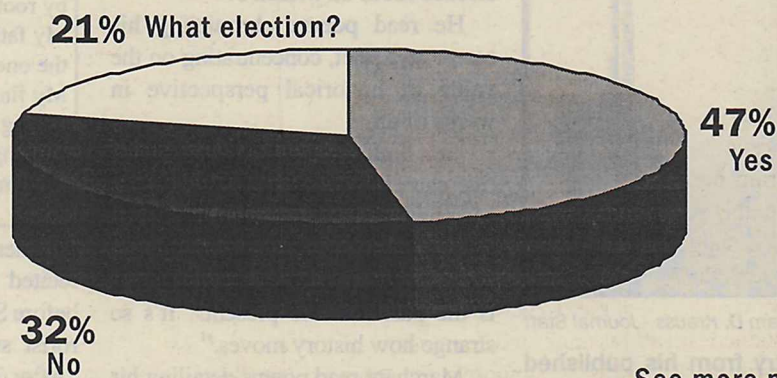
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Poll results

This week's question: Did you vote during SGA elections?



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Letters to the Editor

Finding patriotism's core

Dear *Suffolk Journal*,

In light of Ryan Boehm's article "Taking a shot against the flag", I think clarification is needed. Good ol' Webster defines it as "a love of country." Nowhere in this definition does it equate patriotism with a flag.

Patriotism is more than staring at a piece of cloth hanging from the rafters of an arena and reciting an oath which has been ingrained in our minds since grade school. I'm willing to bet that a better portion of people looking up at that flag have not truly contemplated what those words actually mean - though those who have, I commend. Patriotism is loving and respecting those principles this nation was founded on, and with that respect comes the responsibility to protect them.

No one has ever "died for the stars and stripes," as Ryan says. They died for our freedom. And how better to honor their sacrifice than by exercising those rights and freedoms they died for.

When Toni Smith turns her back on the flag, she is exercising those rights, not spitting in the face of a veteran. Whether her protest is an effective method can and will be debated elsewhere, but there is no doubt that her protest is a patriotic act.

This is not to say that I disrespect those who choose to remove their hats and sing along. What I disrespect is the fact that for so many Americans, this has become reflex, not gratitude. A reflex is simply a learned response. In this case the response to the loud-speakers beginning that familiar anthem, the national equivalent of a pre-printed thank you card, is a nice thought, but one that requires little effort.

Ryan also points out that patri-

otism received new life after Sept. 11, but has since been in decline. I argue that what we saw after 9/11 was not patriotism, but nationalism, an act of collective mourning. Sure, every house in suburbia hung the flag from their door, but did many people strengthen their resolve to exercise their freedoms, or did they simply pause briefly from their daily grind and then continue on as usual, more wary than before?

I'll once again turn to Webster to clarify nationalism: "The state of being national; national attachment." National attachment is a far cry from love of country. I could have a sense of attachment to this country without ever having understood what this country stands for simply because it protects my interests, or because it's better than some of the alternatives. Much like I cannot truly love someone I do not know, I also cannot truly love my country without truly knowing it. Therefore, to be patriotic is to truly know one's country.

I think the last few months have seen patriotism resurfacing with a vengeance. Every person storming the streets of Washington, New York, or any of America's cities to protest the impending war with Iraq is committing a blatant act of patriotism worthy of our respect. Any time friends sit over lunch and debate Bush's politics, whichever side of the argument they're on, are once again being patriotic. But patriotism need not be that obvious.

Every time someone gets up on Sunday morning and goes to church unafraid, that is patriotism at it's finest. Anytime I pick up a book at a library knowing it has been censored by the government, that is patriotism. More patriotism

has risen from controversy in this country then has from tragedy. How many more people will vote during the next election due to the controversy over the last one? Voting, once again, an act of patriotism. Tragedy more often stirs up feelings of vengeance and shock, "How could this happen to us? Let's go get the people that did it!"

Patriotism lies not in a piece of cloth, but in each and every citizen of this country. It is with great respect and gratitude to those who have fought for my freedom, and the freedom of my fellow citizens, that I write without fear of reprimand, and speak without fear of oppression.

Every time I pick up a pen, I am silently thanking them. I applaud the efforts of Toni, and those like her, who have the personal resolve to make such protests. They are the one's fighting so our soldiers will not have to make the same sacrifice as our forefathers.

This nation was founded by people, who much like Toni, had a feeling of dissent and turned their back on their flag. We honor these people as patriots, and I suggest we extend the same honor to her, and if not honor her, at least respect her right to protest in the way she sees fit.

It is ironic that the crowd of navy recruits shouting "Leave our country" at one of her recent games was denying her rights which they supposedly pledge to support every time they place their hand on their heart and recite the final words of the pledge of allegiance, "with liberty and justice for all".

Sincerely,
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Opinion

Sex in the University

Operation: Birth control



By
**Jennifer
Schwenzer**

Kids: Yuck. I hate the little brats. I'm not exactly sure when my disdain for little people began.

You're probably wondering why I'm straying from the usual topics of orgies and strippers, but lately this domestic issue has been bothering me. If you can't make the connection between sex and babies, I suggest you take a trip to a sixth-grade sex-education class and the local pharmacy.

You see, I've always questioned my maternal skills. For starters, I write a sex column. While the student council president can one day tell his kids he led the class of 2003, I can tell mine I was writing about sex cruises and strip clubs. That hurts my credibility like a DWI conviction for a bus driver. Second I lack and completely fail at any domestic prowess that belongs to every other woman in the world. It was just tonight that my boyfriend dared to ask the question, "Honey, what's for dinner?" only to be answered by my middle finger.

I'm pretty sure it all started when I got my first lifeguard job the summer before I left for college. I figured great pay, a bikini as a uniform and sitting in the sun all day-perfect. My job started at the disgusting hour of 7 a.m. but I rationalized this by the maximum sun exposure. I figured I could get there on time, sip my coffee and get in a little nap before anyone showed up. I mean, who goes swimming at 7 a.m.?

Rat kids go swimming at 7 a.m. They come with floaties, peanut butter and jelly, and moms who can't stand to sit inside with their kids all day. That's who shows up. Before I could even sip my coveted morn-

ing cup of coffee, they were there and I hated it.

The louder they got, the more annoyed I became. I prayed to God for thunder and lightning or anything to pull the little bastards out of the water. But these kids stayed all day long. And then they started to like me. The more they liked me, the more they asked for me, clung on me and begged me to play. I became the victim of birthday parties, swim lessons and babysitting. They liked me, because unlike a majority of too-cool college students, I still knew how to be a kid. I knew nothing of the words "embarrassing" and "maturity." I dived where I wasn't supposed to, splashed the snotty patrons and brought an arsenal of toys that meant war.

So now that I'm finishing up my senior year and the threat of being a big kid is near. I'm disgusted. I don't know how to be a kid anymore. Yeah, okay, I may own an air-hockey table and PlayStation 2, but I've forgotten how to live a carefree life and not give a rat's ass about what people think.

My boyfriend's cousin, a little tyke around the age of three, routinely comes over. She runs in and hugs everyone in the house, everyone except me. She always stops about three feet in front of me and sheepishly says "Hi." When I see her, I don't see an afternoon of fun. I see her and I remind myself to take the pill and always keep back up available. She reminds me that having a child is a lifetime commitment and then I wonder, how come she doesn't hug me?

So somewhere between working as a bartender for four years and taking attention deficit prescriptions, I lost my ability to relate to kids. She'll ask me, "Where's see Sex, page 7

Letter to the Editor

Right voices missing

Dear Suffolk Journal,

After glancing over a typical Suffolk University syllabus, one may be left to ponder whether or not conservative thinkers have ever possessed an intelligence level worthy of contribution to this university's curriculum.

The unfortunate fact of the matter is there are no intellectuals of the right on the majority of your required reading lists. This persistent problem is one that should send a bittersweet feeling of confirmation through the heart of any student or parent who has ever held the notion that this institution was one that was out of touch with the rest of us in present-day society.

The truth remains that we are led by a Republican president and a Republican majority in Congress. The people have spoken, and to deprive a higher institution such as Suffolk University of the intellect of our nation's leaders is not just disconcerting, but downright wrong.

The crisis at this university is analogous to that of the crisis in the media. Presently, our three major television networks are overwhelmingly liberal. According to life-long democrat and former CBS reporter Bernard Goldberg in his best-selling book "Bias", 89 percent of Washington-based journalists he worked with voted for Bill Clinton in 1992, only a measly 43 percent outside of that subculture did so. In addition, a lopsided 82 percent of the surveyed journalists were for abortion rights while the anti-abortionists among the American public are the slight minority at 49 percent.

This repression of conservative voices eventually backfired on the liberal media elite as the public finally proved they had enough. This occurred when Rupert Murdoch, a pint-sized Australian, decided to launch his own cable news network, Fox

News. The network decided to not only show left wingers like Alan Colmes, Eleanor Clift or Geraldo Rivera, and Independents like Bill O'Reilly, but they also gave people a variety of conservative journalists such as Sean Hannity and John Gibson. How did the public react? They made Fox the new number one news network.

This makes one think that Suffolk faculty may be scared to allow a conservative on a syllabus, out of fear that the students will react like the audiences at Fox did when they began to view once credible journalists such as Dan Rather and the recently canned Phil Donahue as what they truly are: left wing pawns.

Perhaps one cannot say for sure that the students at Suffolk will dismiss familiar tribal council survivors such as Barbara Ehrenreich, Bell Hooks, Karl Marx or Edward Said as not-so-credible lefties if conservative voices are no longer censored. Fortunately, one thing is for certain: they will become more intelligent.

One would think that a point counter-point system would not be too much to ask. I asked a professor in 2001 and another in 2003, "Why don't we hear conservative voices in class?" Each professor responded in the same bizarre way. They clearly stated, "If you want to hear those voices go to Bob Jones University." Wow! What an eloquent response.

What I concluded from this was that each professor must have attended a meeting out in the woods of Amherst, Mass., where they pondered the answer to the question of "If we meet a conservative what do we do?" and a hologram of a bearded man must have appeared and uttered the said words to me. No I am joking. Unfortunately, this is a time see Conservative, page 7

Professor gives history lesson on war, Iraq

As someone who writes and teaches about the history of U.S. foreign relations here at Suffolk, I feel compelled to say something about the conflict looming on our horizon, fully cognizant of the fact that there are some who think invading Iraq is a good idea. Debate is good. There has unfortunately been too little of it in our society.

I believe the grounds for this intervention are flimsy in the extreme, while its conse-

Robert Hannigan

quences are potentially disastrous. We all have a stake in trying to figure out what is going on.

Let's take, for instance, the claim that Saddam Hussein constitutes a threat to the United States. In the future, I think people will wonder how anyone took this idea seriously. Yet ostensibly on behalf of it the United States now proposes to go to war. Or at least it is the ground upon which American citizens, traumatized by Sept. 11, are being rallied behind this misadventure.

The current Iraqi regime, as the media note, is militarily a faint shadow of what it was back in the 1980s, when the Reagan and first Bush administrations were appallingly seeking to cultivate Saddam Hussein as a

potential partner for their policy in the region, following the fall from power of the Shah of Iran. It was during those very days that the gassings and numerous other atrocities that are now being condemned were most actively taking place, with nary a peep from Washington.

This regime has not even been able to challenge U.S. and British control of Iraq's own airspace in the northern and southern parts of the country, the so-called no-fly zones. So how is it supposed to attack America?

Some suggested that Iraq might attack America by supplying terrorists with deadly weapons of mass destruction. Despite all their efforts to do so, the Bush administration has been unable to establish any connection between Al-Qaeda and the Iraqi regime.

Much more to the point, Hussein, a consummate survivor, is certainly more worried that he will be blamed for any future terrorist attacks on the U.S. than he is inclined to launch them. This was indeed the stated view of the CIA last fall, before it came under massive pressure from the administration to tell the public what policy makers wanted it to hear.

The CIA said Hussein had little reason to provoke a U.S.-led march on Baghdad. Indeed, the opposite scenario was the really dangerous one. "Should Saddam conclude that a U.S.-led attack could no longer be

deterred, he probably would become much less constrained in adopting terrorist actions," wrote the director, George Tenet.

Let's take the more recent effort to rally Americans and others behind this war as some sort of altruistic crusade undertaken on behalf of the people of Iraq. "It's to be waged for the sake of the Iraqi people, apparently," noted Harold Pintner, a playwright, last week. But, referring to the largely unnoticed British and American policy over the last decade, he said, "In fact they couldn't care less about the Iraqi people. They've been killing them for years, through sustained bombing and brutal sanctions."

Giving Iraq democracy is said to be a major objective of the administration. The United States has a very long record of working against popular regimes in the Middle East, beginning with a coup in Iran in 1953. Read, for instance, Douglas Little's important, very readable new book "American Orientalism: The United States and the Middle East since 1945."

This history is central to understanding the U.S. government's reputation in the region. Only one outside power has meddled there for a longer period, and not coincidentally that is Bush's sole remaining willing partner in this enterprise, the United Kingdom.

U.S. policy makers plan to leave behind a regime in Iraq that will behave in accor-

dance with their definition of American interests. That is an imperial, not democratic, mission. And is the goal oil? Fundamentally, yes it is.

Ask yourself if you think the United States would ever have gotten itself so heavily involved in this region otherwise. Tragically, most Americans are unaware of what has been done over the years in the name of their government.

But they are the ones who will pay for this conduct in the future in heightened insecurity, through the loss of loved ones in open-ended foreign crusades, through astronomical expenditures of public funds, and by way of a progressive diminishment of their freedoms.

This war and, more importantly, its unpredictable aftermath has been referred to as a daring role of the dice, but average Americans, who aren't surrounded by secret service details and who could think of much better things to do with more than \$95 billion, could very well turn out to be among its big long-term losers.

The administration's swagger and recklessness have profoundly alienated public opinion around the world.

The economy is tottering, and the federal deficit is again about to fly through the roof. Undertaking this war constitutes the height of irresponsibility on the part of American policy makers.

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Bon Jovi boldly *bounces* back to Boston

Chris Dwyer

Journal Staff

Most rock music fans in the current aura of the scene might find it quite shocking that 80s-metal-giants-turned-legendary-rockers Bon Jovi have easily sold out most of the stops on their current tour in support of last fall's *Bounce* disc.

The truth is, the New Jersey natives have continuously proven themselves past the typical cliché of 80s acts gone sour.

While frontman and leader Jon Bon Jovi and guitarist Richie Sambora have ridden a new wave of songwriting by collaborating with outside writers, the final product has driven the band into a frenzy of fanscape reminiscent of their hairspray heyday.

It was only appropriate that Bon Jovi opened their recent set at the FleetCenter with the title track off *Bounce*, as it set a tone for the rest of the evening: good, old-fashioned rock 'n' roll.

Three large satellites adorned the stage, slowly moving into a center position, as they became video screens.

"You know, I've been looking forward to this show for a long time, Boston," proclaimed Jon Bon Jovi as the band, rounded out

by drummer Tico Torres, keyboardist David Bryan and bassist Hugh MacDonald, ripped into the anthem that kick started their superstardom, "You Give Love A Bad Name."

The nostalgia was continued in a rush of rock power, as 1986's *Slippery When Wet* saw more representation with "Wild In The Streets" and the incredible classic "Livin' On A Prayer."

The night was pushed into overdrive with *Bounce*'s first single "Everyday," and another new tune, the Sept. 11 inspired "Undivided."

Sambora's down-tuned crunches highlight the band's new material, which is cohesively guitar-driven.

Bon Jovi's lyrics are highly effective for musical solitude, "One for you and one for me, we'll stand as one, undivided."

The band's early breakout hit "Runaway" came next in the set, pleasing the casual Bon Jovi fans that probably have no interest in any of the band's newer offerings.

The song was dedicated to David Bryan's father, who had passed away a few days earlier.

The universal rock cowboy anthem "Wanted Dead Or Alive" was played early in the band's set. However, no fury was lost through

the poignant underlining of Sambora's blazing solos.

The tune brought the evening's first sing-along, as Jon Bon Jovi enticed the audience to scream the entire first verse before starting his own vocals.

"The Distance," one of *Bounce*'s stronger tracks, exhibited the musical connection between Sambora and Bryan. Offbeat orchestration was in line with intense riffage.

The set's lone ballad "Bed Of Roses" made its way into the foreground, complete with Bryan's pulchritude of piano delight and Jon Bon Jovi's slow dancing with a young woman out of the audience.

Current single "Misunderstood" was followed by an arousing solo rendition of "I'll Be There For You" by Sambora.

Feel-good tune "Someday I'll Be Saturday Night" drew a large crowd reaction, and the new and heavy "Hook Me Up" played perfectly late into the night.

A mini-movie graced the satellite video screens during "Right Side Of Wrong," with Bryan leading the musical backbone of the tune.

The main set ended with a barrage of upbeat hits, including the blues-influenced "I'll Sleep When



Photo courtesy of Island Records

Bon Jovi rocked Boston's FleetCenter on their *Bounce* tour.

I'm Dead" and *New Jersey*'s "Born To Be My Baby."

The band erupted for an extended encore that featured a cover of Barry McGuire's "Eve Of Destruction," the 1992 hit "Keep The Faith" and the rollicking "Bad Medicine."

Two Beatles covers finally ended a long evening, as the band ripped into "Rock And Roll Music" and "Twist And Shout."

The Goo Goo Dolls opened with 45 minutes of their post-punk influenced pop-rock.

The band released their latest

disc *Gutterflower* in April of last year and have been touring consistently.

Their set included frontman Johnny Rzeznik confessing his hungover state to the crowd.

Bassist Robby Takac and drummer Mike Malinin were in tight form, banging out songs from *Gutterflower* and the 1998 multi-platinum *Dizzy Up The Girl*.

Current single "Sympathy" and sleeper hit "Big Machine" were highlights, along with the mega-hits "Iris," "Slide" and "Black Balloon."

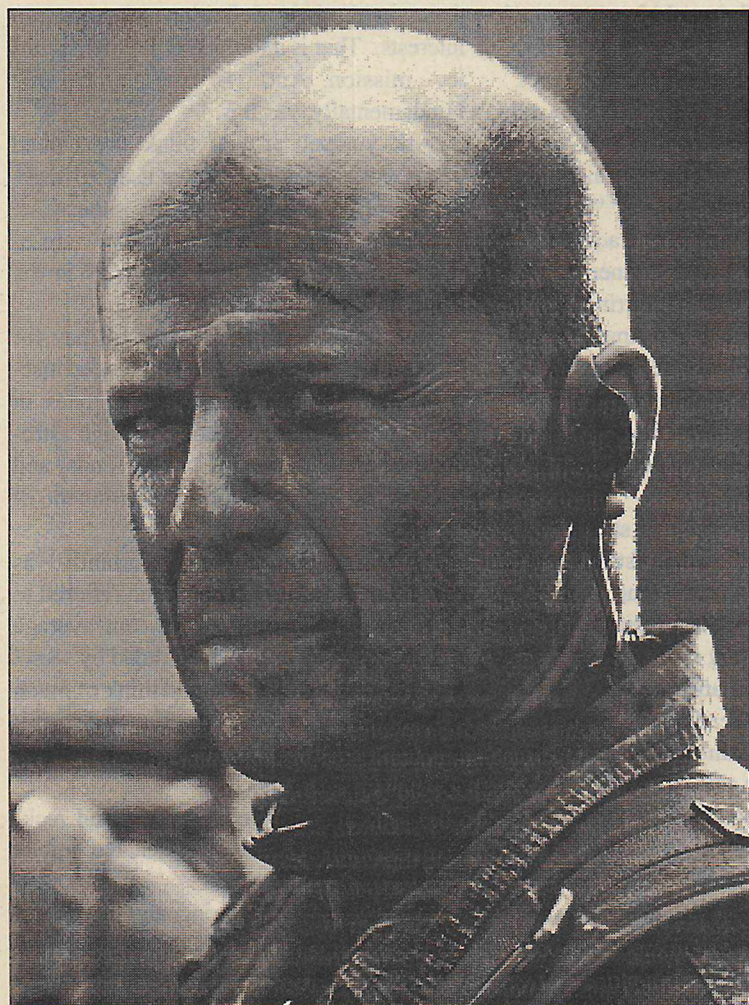


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Bruce Willis stars as a Navy SEAL in "Tears of the Sun."

Willis and Belluci evoke "Tears"

Jennifer Schwenzer

Journal Staff

At first, my night started out like crap. Upon returning to my seat after a stint of primping in the bathroom, my boyfriend had already finished the top of the popcorn with all the butter on it and my coveted Mountain Dew was left to nothing but ice cubes.

And then when the world can appear no crueler, it appears to me like a beacon of light, like an oasis in a desert, like a free round from the bartender- Bruce Willis in all his *die-hard* glory.

"Tears of the Sun" is a movie about a group of super-hot Navy SEALs sent in to save an American doctor and nuns at a Christian mission in Nigeria.

It starts off as a simple mission as they go in to save four Americans. Rebel troops have assassinated the president and his family and have started to murder entire villages.

The doctor, played by a very gorgeous Monica Belluci, won't

MOVIE

REVIEW

► Title:
"Tears of the Sun"

► Director:
Antoine Fuqua

► Rating: (out of 5 stars)



leave without the people from her mission.

So, an operation to save four turns into a plan to save 70 and Willis goes against her wishes and leaves her people behind.

However, Willis sees a village of murdered innocents and has a change of heart.

Here's where I thought the movie would be different. I was hoping for some kind of background information on why there was an overthrow, who was killing

who and why.

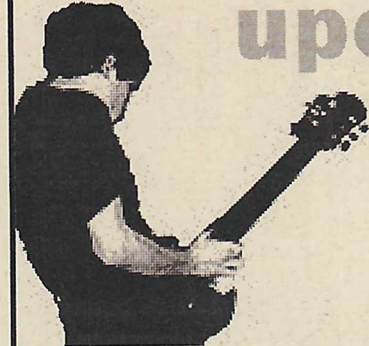
I figured they would have enlightened us a bit about the current political state in Nigeria and how far off from Hollywood the bloodshed really is.

Since when have brutal people needed a reason to kill?

The big problem with this movie is, its about as predictable as prom night, complete with the typical run of problems one might encounter fighting rebel soldiers in an African rainforest.

However, it comes complete with my favorite movie recipe: violence, fire and hot men in uniform. Which are probably not the reasons my boyfriend chose the movie, but I think he caught on when I suggested he shave his head and join the Navy.

The movie is similar to a watered down version of "Black Hawk Down," except with a better-looking cast. I was hoping for something a bit more dramatic, but lately I'll take whatever I can get. It sure as hell beat any piss ass romantic comedy.



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Reach 454
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Worcester, Mass.
Friday Mar. 14
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Dropkick Murphys
The Avalon
15 Lansdowne St.
Boston, Mass.
Friday Mar. 14
6 p.m.

Sparta
Glassjaw
Hot Water Music
Dredg
The Palladium
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Worcester, Mass.
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7 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.

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Saturday Mar. 22
6 p.m.

Unfashionably suburban

Jennifer Schwenzer
Journal Staff

fashions as seen at The Palace:

I'm ashamed to admit it. Actually, it's more like disgusted. I work at a somewhat well known nightclub called The Palace on the edge of Boston. In no way, shape or form do I endorse or suggest you spend a night there.

So after this Friday night, I had seen enough. I was so appalled and grossed out by the clothing my fellow female population chose for this dive craphole that I felt compelled to take a stab at this week's fashion column in the *Journal*. At first I wasn't sure I would be capable of writing a fashion column.

I mean what am I gonna do, tell 3,000 college kids who can't afford Bud Light to go out and buy \$250 underwear for Valentine's Day?

I mean, hello, this is the same columnist who paid \$30 to rent a toga and watch swingers on a Boston Harbor cruise. My mantra is: if it looks good, wear it.

So, I've compiled a list of top 5 nauseating

1. Let me guess, three months pregnant? Why is it that women who have the biggest bellies feel so compelled to show them off?
2. When girls who don't know how to dress write a fashion column.
3. The miniskirt, the tube top- all wonderful creations- for the summertime. So when it's March and the temperature has one of those (-) dashes in front of it, leave the California wear at home and put some clothes on.
4. Any woman who purposely wears anything four sizes smaller than what she really is. I call it size denial.
5. Any Revere or Saugus male wearing a t-shirt tighter than latex.

Maybe if people start hinting at the fact that these people look stupid, they'll take a hint. Then again, maybe not.

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Sex in the University

Sex from page 5

Mikey?" (my boyfriend) and I'll tell her he's at work and she'll fire back with 1,000 "Whys?" Why, why, why?

As soon as my patience level wears off, I'll shoot back, "Because he has a car, car insurance, credit card, loan, cell phone, rent, utility and girlfriend payments and one day when you grow up, you'll find out Polly Pocket isn't redeemable at the goddamn Clinique counter at Macy's, so you'll be out getting a job like everyone else."

And then she'll give me this confused look like someone taped over Teletubbies with the Spice channel and everyone's staring at me like I'm the bad guy with no patience for an innocent little kid.

So here I am, devoid of all maternal and domestic skills and about to graduate college. Somewhere in the very near future is the threat of marriage and diapers and monotony and all I want to do is find a stiletto boot sale. I'm content to go on my bizarre sex cruises and monster truck rallies

and spend every summer day baking in the sun, regardless of its effects on my health. Yeah, some mature adult I am.

I succumb to a mild feeling of nausea every time I'm faced with the threat of family life. It usually comes from my mother, a woman who is a combination of every perfect TV mom. She'll remind me of how much she'd love to be a grandma and she bombards me with activities and names for her grandkids. It's at this point that I have to ask myself, "When the hell am I going to grow up?"

Someday when I'm ready, I'll find a guy I can live with for more than three months and we'll probably have to get married or something. I think I read somewhere that multiple boyfriends aren't good for your child's health or behavior. But who says I have to do it anytime soon? Someday I will. It just sure as hell isn't now.

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Stop the liberal flood

Conservatives from page 5

that is ill-equipped for such a joking manner.

I am convinced that the reason we do not hear both sides of the coin is that the majority of our professors do not know any conservatives. If they did, they would not paint them out to be heartless, insensitive rich folks out to screw the poor and the meek. If statistics taken out of the book "Nickled and Dimed" (which appears on multiple Suffolk reading lists) by Ehrenreich are truthful, then 60 percent of the country makes less than \$30,000 a year.

If this is true, I have magically become affluent; but that's a good chunk of voters telling us the proletariat party is suddenly Republican.

At any rate, this is not a problem that solely affects conservative students who don't get to study persons with similar political passions. It hurts all of us who desire a balanced educa-

tion.

If all professors chose to do was spew out F.A. Hayek or Edmund Burke references or assign books by Ann Coulter or John McWhorter then we would be in line to receive an education as unequal as the one we now receive for thousands of dollars. Students seeking justice should not be forced to go to universities like Bob Jones or Brigham Young to hear different voices. It is unfortunate that one needs a college degree to get ahead of the game. The bitter ramblings of commonly tackled themes at Suffolk, such as over-victimization or anti-Americanism, could easily be found through simply eaves-dropping over a cup of coffee in Cambridge for the much cheaper cost of about \$1.75.

Sincerely,
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